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1. [redacted] the following information on the mobilization of the 1929, 1930, 1931, and 1932 classes:

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"110 hours" training began at the village Soviet in Kostikhina in January 1945 and was completed in February 1945.

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(d)

Fifteen hundred men of the class of 1928 - all from the Bryanskaya Oblast - were inducted into the service [redacted] There were no women inductees.

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[redacted] two men rejected for military service. One was totally deaf; the other had extremely poor vision. The preinduction physical examination was very superficial and unless a prospective inductee complained of some malady, he was rarely examined.

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All of the 1500 men of the class of 1928 from the [redacted] Oblast inducted for active duty [redacted] were also on the train which arrived in Germany [redacted]

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(j)

[redacted]

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[redacted] The curtains in all the cars were drawn day and night and no one was permitted to leave the train at any stop or to look out of the windows. A lieutenant was in charge of each car.

(k)

All of the 1500 men on the train were given their unit assignments while still on the train. Upon arriving in Weimar [redacted] were billeted overnight at a replacement depot there.

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(l)

[redacted]

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2. Only the classes of 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931 are presently serving in the Soviet Zone of Germany. [redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted] There were some members of the classes of 1926 and 1927 in the Soviet Zone, but all of these were career soldiers. The majority of soldiers in [redacted] were from the class of 1928. [redacted]

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3. [] the following general information concerning the strength [] and the leave policy in the Soviet Army:

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- (a) Each rifle company [] battalion had approximately 80 men, including officers and NCOs. To the best of my knowledge, the strength never exceeded this figure and was often less. The wartime T/O calls for 140 officers and men. []

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(c)

[] several officers [] obtained leaves extending to 45 days. [] officers are granted 45 days annual leave. Enlisted men are never granted leave except in extreme emergencies and then only upon request for leave which must be initiated by the soldier's family or relatives through the local Raionvoenkomat in his home town. The leave request must pass through channels to the GOFG and then to the individual soldier.

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(e)

[] all officers [] were regular army officers; on various occasions [] they were obliged to serve 25 to 30 years while the enlisted men only served three years. This was the explanation given to enlisted men by the officers with regard to the policy of granting officers leave while the enlisted men receive none. []

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[] last platoon leader, a lieutenant, in the 117th Gds Rifle Regt was a career soldier.

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